

Board of Directors
WEST CONTRA COSTA HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

A Special Board meeting of the Board of Directors of the **WEST CONTRA COSTA HEALTHCARE DISTRICT** was called to order at 4:10 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2006, at the Doctors Medical Center Auditorium at 2000 Vale Rd., San Pablo, CA.

Roll Call

Present: Directors Wallace, Carson, Campbell, Moore-Cash and Casazza

Absent

None.

Also Present

Irwin Hansen, CEO
Colin Coffey, Legal Council
Rick Norris, Legal Council

Return to Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 pm.

Report Out on Open Session

Director Wallace notified the public that no decisions had been made during their discussions with legal council in their closed session meeting other than the approval of the minutes from prior closed session meeting held on 8/22/06.

Presentation on Hospital Turnaround

Director Wallace stated that this item would be removed from the agenda due to the presenter not being able to attend the meeting.

Other

None.

Public Comment

Irwin Hansen, CEO, responded to questions from the public concerning the hospital and rumors that have been circulating regarding the financial status and stability of the Hospital. We are working on a long term plan to save the hospital while saving on our overall expenses and having cash to be able to meet payroll. Our efforts in reaching out to different parties have been unsuccessful as we are not receiving the urgent response we need from the people we need. There may be a reduction in staffing and wages to help stabilize the hospital. We are trying to get the message out that we are in financial distress by using our local press so people will know that we need help from the outside.

In response to another comment from the public regarding the poor communication between management and employees, Irwin Hansen stated that the financial state of the hospital has been no secret, this has been an ongoing problem since before we took over

operation from Tenet. All financial statements have been presented at the Finance Board Meeting every month that is open to the public, and all minutes are posted on the website for anyone to view.

The law firmly states that if you work, you will get paid. We cannot have employees work with the intent of not paying them for their services. It is asked that people volunteer to take days off without pay so that we are able to meet our next payroll. There are certain exceptions with people taking days off and having the proper staffing to continue providing excellent healthcare to all patients in the hospital.

There will be another closed session next week where discussions will continue regarding keeping the hospital open. After the closed session there will be room for the public to address the board members specifically with any questions they have.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.